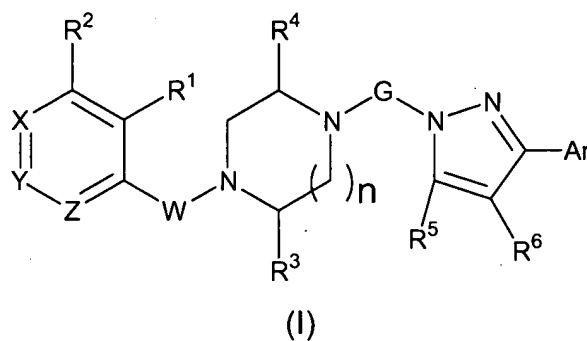


Amendments to the claims:

1. (currently amended) A compound of formula (I) below:



wherein:

R^1 is hydrogen, azido, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N , C_{2-8} acyl, $R^9OC=O$, $R^{10}R^{11}NC=O$, or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$; or R^1 is taken together with W as described below;

R^2 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, cyano, or $R^{48}R^{49}N$;

alternatively, R^1 and R^2 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 7- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;

each of R^3 and R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl;

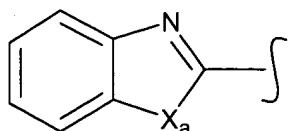
~~each of R^5 and R^6 is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkylthio, halogen, or a 4-7 membered carbocyclyl or heterocyclyl;~~

~~alternatively, R^5 and R^6 can be~~ are taken together to form pyridinyl or an optionally substituted 5-membered carbocyclic ring to or 7- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic, and each of said pyridinyl, 5-membered ring and 7-membered ring may be optionally substituted with between one and three substituents independently selected from halo, cyano, amino, nitro, R^{40} , $R^{40}O$ -, $R^{40}S$ -, $R^{40}O(C_{1-5} \text{ alkylene})$ -, $R^{40}O(C=O)$ -, $R^{40}(C=O)$ -, $R^{40}(C=S)$ -,

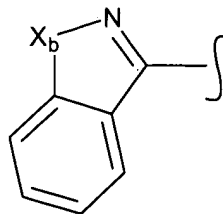
- $R^{40}(C=O)O-$, $R^{40}O(C=O)(C=O)-$, $R^{40}SO_2$, $NHR^{62}(C=NH)-$, $NHR^{62}SO_2-$, and $NHR^{62}(C=O)-$;
- R^{40} is H, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, (C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl)C₁₋₅ alkylene, amino, or mono- or di(C₁₋₅ alkyl)amino, or $R^{58}OR^{59}-$, wherein R^{58} is H, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, or (C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl)C₁₋₆ alkylene and R^{59} is C₁₋₅ alkylene, phenylene, or divalent C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; and
- R^{62} can be H in addition to the values for R^{40} ;
- R^7 is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, $R^{27}OC=O$, $R^{28}R^{29}NC=O$, $R^{27}SO$, $R^{27}SO_2$, or $R^{28}R^{29}NSO_2$;
- R^8 is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R^7 and R^8 can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- R^9 is C₁₋₅ alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl;
- R^{21} is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, $R^{30}OC=O$, $R^{31}R^{32}NC=O$, $R^{30}SO$, $R^{30}SO_2$, or $R^{31}R^{32}NSO_2$;
- R^{22} is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R^{21} and R^{22} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7-membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- each of R^{23} , R^{26} , R^{27} , R^{30} , R^{33} , R^{44} , R^{45} , and R^{50} is C₁₋₅ alkyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl;
- R^{24} is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl, C₂₋₈ acyl, aroyl, $R^{33}OC=O$, $R^{34}R^{35}NC=O$, $R^{33}SO$, $R^{33}SO_2$, or $R^{34}R^{35}NSO_2$;
- R^{25} is hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₃₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl; alternatively, R^{24} and R^{25} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- each of R^{10} and R^{11} is independently hydrogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, C₂₋₅ alkenyl, phenyl, or C₁₋₅ heterocyclyl;

- alternatively, R^{10} and R^{11} or can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- each of R^{28} , R^{29} , R^{31} , R^{32} , R^{34} , R^{35} , R^{46} , R^{47} , R^{51} and R^{52} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;
- alternatively, R^{28} and R^{29} , R^{31} and R^{32} , R^{34} and R^{35} , R^{46} and R^{47} , or R^{51} and R^{52} , independently, can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- n is 1 or 2;
- G represents C_{3-6} alkenediyl or C_{3-6} alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, halogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, oxo, hydroximino, CO_2R^{60} , $R^{60}R^{61}NCO_2$, (L)- C_{1-4} alkylene-, (L)- C_{1-5} alkoxy, N_3 , or [(L)- C_{1-5} alkylene]amino;
- each of R^{60} and R^{61} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, phenethyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; alternatively R^{60} and R^{61} , can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- L is amino, mono- or di- C_{1-5} alkylamino, pyrrolidinyl, morpholinyl, piperidinyl, homopiperidinyl, or piperazinyl, where available ring nitrogens may be optionally substituted with C_{1-5} alkyl, benzyl, C_{2-5} acyl, C_{1-5} alkylsulfonyl or C_{1-5} alkyloxycarbonyl;
- X is nitrogen or $R^{12}C$;
- Y is nitrogen or $R^{13}C$;
- Z is nitrogen or $R^{14}C$;
- R^{12} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{21}R^{22}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl) C_{1-5} alkylene, $R^{23}OC=O$, $R^{23}O(C=O)NH-$, $R^{23}SO$, $R^{22}NHCO-$, $R^{22}NH(C=O)NH-$, $R^{23}(C_{1-4}$ alkylene)NHCO-, $R^{23}SO_2$, or $R^{23}SO_2NH-$;
- R^{13} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{42}R^{43}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, (C_{1-5} heterocyclyl) C_{1-5}

- alkylene, $R^{44}OC=O$, $R^{44}O(C=O)NH-$, $R^{44}SO$, $R^{43}NHCO-$, $R^{43}NH(C=O)NH-$, $R^{44}(C_{1-4} \text{ alkylene})NHCO-$, $R^{44}SO_2$, or $R^{44}SO_2NH-$;
- R^{14} is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, nitro, $R^{24}R^{25}N$, C_{2-8} acyl, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, $(C_{1-5} \text{ heterocyclyl})C_{1-5}$ alkylene, $R^{26}OC=O$, $R^{26}O(C=O)NH-$, $R^{26}SO$, $R^{25}NHCO-$, $R^{25}NH(C=O)NH-$, $R^{26}(C_{1-4} \text{ alkylene})NHCO-$, $R^{26}SO_2$, or $R^{26}SO_2NH-$;
- alternatively, R^{12} and R^{13} or R^{12} and R^2 or R^{13} and R^{14} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 5- to 6- membered carbocyclic or heterocyclic ring, which ring may be unsaturated or aromatic;
- Ar represents a monocyclic or bicyclic aryl or heteroaryl ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, cyano, azido, nitro, $R^{15}R^{16}N$, $R^{17}SO_2$, $R^{17}S$, $R^{17}SO$, $R^{17}OC=O$, $R^{15}R^{16}NC=O$, C_{1-5} haloalkyl, C_{1-5} haloalkoxy, C_{1-5} haloalkylthio, and C_{1-5} alkylthio;
- R^{15} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{53}OC=O$, $R^{54}R^{55}NC=O$, $R^{53}S$, $R^{53}SO$, $R^{53}SO_2$, or $R^{54}R^{55}NSO_2$;
- R^{16} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl; alternatively, R^{15} and R^{16} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- each of R^{17} and R^{53} is C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;
- each of R^{54} and R^{55} is independently hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, benzyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;
- alternatively, R^{54} and R^{55} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;
- W represents SO_2 , $C=O$, CHR^{20} , or a covalent bond; or W and R^1 , taken together with the 6-membered ring to which they are both attached, form one of the following two formulae:



(I)(a)



(I)(b)

wherein X_a is O, S, or N; and X_b is O, S or SO_2 ;

R^{20} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, phenyl, benzyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{42} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{45}OC=O$, $R^{46}R^{47}NC=O$, $R^{45}SO$, $R^{45}SO_2$, or $R^{46}R^{47}NSO_2$;

R^{43} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{42} and R^{43} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic;

R^{44} is C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{2-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

R^{48} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, naphthyl, C_{1-5} heterocyclyl, C_{2-8} acyl, aroyl, $R^{50}OC=O$, $R^{51}R^{52}NC=O$, $R^{50}SO$, $R^{50}SO_2$, or $R^{51}R^{52}NSO_2$;

R^{49} is hydrogen, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{3-5} alkenyl, phenyl, or C_{1-5} heterocyclyl;

alternatively, R^{48} and R^{49} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated, unsaturated or aromatic; and

wherein each of the above hydrocarbyl or heterocarbyl groups, unless otherwise indicated, and in addition to any specified substituents, is optionally and independently substituted with between 1 and 3 substituents selected from methyl, halomethyl, hydroxymethyl, halo, hydroxy, amino, nitro, cyano, C_{1-5} alkyl, C_{1-5} alkoxy, $-COOH$, C_{2-6} acyl, $[di(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})amino]C_{2-5}$ alkylene, $[di(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})amino]C_{2-5}$ alkyl-NH-CO-, and C_{1-5} haloalkoxy;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, ester, or amide thereof.

2. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^1 is hydrogen, halogen, C_{1-5} alkoxy, hydroxy, C_{1-5} alkyl, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N , C_{2-8} acyl, or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$.
3. (original) A compound of claim 2, wherein R^1 is halogen, cyano, nitro, R^7R^8N , or $R^{10}R^{11}NSO_2$.
4. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^2 is hydrogen.
5. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is independently hydrogen or C_{1-3} alkyl.
6. (original) A compound of claim 5, wherein one of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen.
7. (original) A compound of claim 6, wherein each of R^3 and R^4 is hydrogen.
8. (cancelled)
9. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^5 and R^6 taken together form ~~a six-membered heterocyclyl~~ pyridinyl.
10. (currently amended) A compound of claim 8, wherein R^5 and R^6 taken together form pyridinyl, ~~pyrimidinyl, or piperazinyl~~, optionally N-substituted with $R^{40}O(C=O)(C=O)-$, $R^{40}SO_2$, $R^{40}NHCO_2$, $R^{40}(C=O)-$ or $R^{40}N(C=O)-$.
11. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R^7 , R^8 , R^{21} , R^{22} , R^{24} , R^{25} is independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl; or, independently, each of R^7 and R^8 , R^{21} and R^{22} , and R^{24} and R^{25} can be taken together to form an optionally substituted 4- to 7- membered heterocyclic ring, which ring may be saturated,

unsaturated or aromatic.

12. (original) A compound of claim 11, wherein at least one of R^7 and R^8 , R^{21} and R^{22} , and R^{24} and R^{25} , taken together, is morpholinyl, piperidinyl, or pyrrolidinyl.

13. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R^9 , R^{23} , R^{26} , and R^{27} is each independently hydrogen or C_{1-5} alkyl.

14. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein G is C_{3-4} alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)- C_{1-5} alkyloxy-, or [(L)- C_{1-5} alkylene]amino-.

15. (original) A compound of claim 14, wherein G is C₃ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkyloxy-, or [(L)-C₁₋₅ alkylene]amino-.

16. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein X is nitrogen.

17. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Y is CR¹³.

18. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Z is CR¹⁴.

19. (original) A compound of claim 18, wherein X is CH.

20. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R¹² is hydrogen, R²²O(C=O)NH-, R²²NH(C=O)NH-, R²²SO₂NH, R²³SO, or R²³SO₂. and R¹³ is hydrogen, R⁴³O(C=O)NH-, R⁴³NH(C=O)NH-, R⁴³SO₂NH, R⁴⁴SO, or R⁴⁴SO₂.

21. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein R¹⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R²⁵O(C=O)NH-, R²⁵NH(C=O)NH-, R²⁵SO₂NH or R²⁴R²⁵N.

22. (original) A compound of claim 21, wherein R¹⁴ is halogen, R²⁵O(C=O)NH-, R²⁵NH(C=O)NH-, R²⁵SO₂NH or R²⁴R²⁵N.

23. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein Ar represents a monocyclic ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected independently from halogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R¹⁵R¹⁶N, CF₃ and OCF₃.

24. (original) A compound of claim 23, wherein Ar is a six membered ring substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halo, CF₃, OCF₃, said substituent or substituents being at the 4-position or at the 3- and 4-positions, respectively.

25. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is SO₂, C=O, or CHR²⁰.
26. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W is a covalent bond.
27. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W and R¹ taken together are formula (I)(a).
28. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein W and R¹ taken together are formula (I)(b).
29. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein one of R³ and R⁴ is hydrogen; Ar represents a monocyclic ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R¹⁵R¹⁶N, CF₃ and OCF₃; R¹² is hydrogen, R²³SO, or R²³SO₂; R¹³ is hydrogen, R⁴⁴SO, or R⁴⁴SO₂; R¹⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, or R²⁴R²⁵N; and G is C₃₋₄ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, C₁₋₃ alkyl, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkyloxy, or [(L)-C₁₋₅ alkylene]amino-.
30. (original) A compound of claim 1, wherein each of R³ and R⁴ is hydrogen; Ar represents a six membered ring, optionally substituted with between 1 and 2 substituents selected from halogen, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, R¹⁵R¹⁶N, CF₃ and OCF₃; R¹² is hydrogen, R²³SO, or R²³SO₂; R¹³ is hydrogen, R⁴⁴SO, or R⁴⁴SO₂; R¹⁴ is hydrogen, halogen, C₁₋₅ alkoxy, C₁₋₅ alkyl, cyano, nitro, or R²⁴R²⁵N; and G is C₃ alkanediyl, optionally substituted with hydroxy, (L)-C₁₋₅ alkyloxy-, or (L)-C₁₋₅ alkylamino.
31. (original) A compound of claim 30 wherein Ar is phenyl.
32. (original) A compound of claim 31, wherein W and R¹ taken together are formula (I)(b).

33. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-[4-(2-Amino-6-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

3-Amino-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester ;

3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenylamine ;

1-[2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-chloro-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea ;

and 1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide .

34. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-carbamic acid methyl ester ;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid

methyl ester ;

1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile ;

3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile ;

2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine ;

2-(4-{3-[5-Methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide ;

3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

and 3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic.

35. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1, selected from :
1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-methoxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

4-[3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-pyrazol-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-[1-[2-(2-Piperazin-1-yl-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

Carbamic acid 1-[5-carbamoyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-ethyl ester;

1-{3-(3-Amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

(*R*)-1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-[3-[4-(5-chloro-2-methyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-fluoro-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-[3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-oxo-acetic acid methyl ester;

5-Methanesulfonyl-1-[3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;

1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-6-methanesulfonylamino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-sulfonic acid amide;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-methanesulfonylamino-benzoic acid methyl ester;

1-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1H-1H6-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-{3-[4-(6-Chloro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

and

1-[1-{3-(4-Benzo[d]isoxazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone.

36. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide; and

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-

phenyl]-3-methyl-urea.

37. (original) A compound of claim 1, selected from:
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-[1-(3-{4-[Bis-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-methyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-hydroxy-propyl)-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4, 6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(4-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(4-fluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(3-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-phenyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 - 1-[1-[3-(4-Benzhydryl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
 - 1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-(3-{4-[(4-chloro-phenyl)-phenyl-methyl]-piperazin-1-yl}-2-hydroxy-propyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
 - 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(9H-fluoren-9-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-[3-(4-Benzyl-piperazin-1-yl)-2-hydroxy-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propan-1-one;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Fluoro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

4-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-butan-1-one;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-p-tolyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-pyridin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-(3-Biphenyl-4-yl-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone ;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-phenyl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-pyridin-4-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-one;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-naphthalen-2-yl-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-tert-Butyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-butan-1-one;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-2,2-dimethyl-propan-1-one;

(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-methanone;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

1-(3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-difluoro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone; and

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile.

38. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1, selected from:
 4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3,4,5,6-tetrahydro-2H-[1,2']bipyrazinyl-3'-carbonitrile;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,3-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,4-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2,5-dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(3-methyl-4-p-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
 1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(3-methyl-4-m-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(4-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3-chloro-5-trifluoromethyl-pyridin-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(3,5-dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 4-(5-Acetyl-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-benzonitrile;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(2,3,5,6-tetrahydro-[1,2']bipyrazinyl-4-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-pyrimidin-2-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(2,4-Bis-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-(3-(2,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentapyrazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5,6-dihydro-4H-cyclopentapyrazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenol;

1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-methyl-allyloxy)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-[1-[2-Benzoyloxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

Acetic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;

Morpholine-4-carboxylic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;

Benzoic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;

Benzoyl-carbamic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;

~~1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-pyrazol-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;~~

1-(3-(3-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

tert-Butyl-carbamic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester;

Carbonic acid 1-[5-acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethyl ester methyl ester;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-{4-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{4-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-but-2-enyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{5-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-pentyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-{6-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-hexyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetamide;

[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetic acid;

[1-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-ylmethyl]-2-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-ethoxy]-acetonitrile;

1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Bromo-benzenesulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

~~3-(5-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-2-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-2H-pyrazol-3-yl)-propionic acid methyl ester;~~

2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

2-(4-{3-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenol; and

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid dimethylamide.

39. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

1-[1-[2-Azido-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-[2-Amino-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo [4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-methylamino-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

~~3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-5-one-ethylene ketal;~~

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-(3-(4-Chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-2-fluoro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-2-phenyl-ethanone;

1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Amino-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

N-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

N-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide;

1-[2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-isopropyl-urea;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid hydrazide;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-phenoxy-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid phenethyl-amide;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid (4-methoxy-phenyl)-amide;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carbothioic acid methylamide;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-nitro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid ethylamide;

N-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-methanesulfonamide;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-[(1-ethyl-pyrrolidin-2-ylmethyl)-amino]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid isopropylamide;

3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid phenylamide;

1-[3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-hydroxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-methanesulfonyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

[[1]]1-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methanamide;

N-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-3-ethyl-urea; and

1-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-3-ethyl-urea.

40. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

N-(5-{5-Acetyl-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl}-2-chloro-phenyl)-acetamide;

Acetic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(3-amino-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-ylmethyl]-ethyl ester;

N-[5-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-2-chloro-phenyl]-acetamide;

N-[2-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl]-methanesulfonamide;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-pyridin-2-yl-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

1-{3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-(2-dimethylamino-ethylamino)-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl}-ethanone;

Carbonic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl ester methyl ester;

Carbamic acid 2-[5-acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-1-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-ethyl ester;

~~3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-5-one;~~

~~3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-indazol-5-ol;~~

~~3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-indazol-5-one oxime;~~

1-[5-Ethanesulfonyl-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-[2-Hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methyl ester;

1-[5-(4-Chloro-benzenesulfonyl)-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;

1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-
 1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid methylamide;
 1-[3-(4-Iodo-phenyl)-5-(propane-2-sulfonyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propan-2-ol;
 1-{3-[4-(2-Cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-
 1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carbonitrile;
 4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid o-tolylamide;
 4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazine-1-carboxylic acid (2-methoxy-
 phenyl)-amide;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-
 pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-fluoro-4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-
 pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-ylmethyl)-benzonitrile;
 1-(3-(4-Chloro-3-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-benzyl)-piperazin-
 1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-3-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 3-(4-Chloro-phenyl)-1-[2-hydroxy-3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-1,4,6,7-
 tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxamide;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,4-dichloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,4-difluoro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-
 1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3,5-dichloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 2-{4-[3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-
 c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-(2-morpholin-4-yl-ethoxy)-propyl]-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[3-(4-iodo-phenyl)-5-trifluoromethanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c] pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-chloro-4-methyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 N-[4-(5-Acetyl-1-{3-[4-(2-cyano-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-3-yl)-phenyl]-acetamide;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-3-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 1-(3-(3-Chloro-4-methyl-phenyl)-1-{2-hydroxy-3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;
 1-[1-{3-[4-(2-Azido-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(3-azido-4-chloro-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;
 5-Methanesulfonyl-1-[3-(4-o-tolyl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
 5-Methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-methoxy-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
 1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-nitro-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
 3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;
 3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;
 1-(3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone; and
 3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine.

41. (currently amended) A compound of claim 1, selected from:

3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-sulfonic acid amide;

1-(3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl)-ethanone;

3-(3,4-Dichloro-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-1-{3-[4-(2-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

3-(4-Bromo-phenyl)-1-{3-[4-(1,1-dioxo-1H-1[[I6]]⁶-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-{3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl}-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-5-methanesulfonyl-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid tert-butyl ester;

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-urea;

[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-carbamic acid methyl ester;

1-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-3-methyl-urea;

N-[3-Chloro-2-(4-{3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-methanesulfonamide;
 1-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
 1-[1-{3-[4-(2,6-Dimethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;
 2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-isophthalonitrile;
 2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-isophthalonitrile;
 1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-nitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
 1-[4-(2-Amino-6-chloro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
 3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester;
 3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-N-methyl-benzamide;
 [3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-phenyl]-morpholin-4-yl-methanone;
 1-[4-(2-Chloro-6-morpholin-4-ylmethyl-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;
 3-Chloro-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-N-pyridin-4-ylmethyl-benzamide;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzoic acid methyl ester;

3-Acetylamino-2-(4-{2-hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzoic acid methyl ester;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-methanesulfonylamino-benzoic acid methyl ester;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-nitro-benzamide;

2-(4-{2-Hydroxy-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-3-(3-methyl-ureido)-benzoic acid methyl ester;

1-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-3-[5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-propan-2-ol;

1-[1-{3-[4-(2,6-Dinitro-phenyl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone[.];

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-2-hydroxy-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethylsulfanyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{3-[4-(3,5-Dichloro-pyridin-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

2-(4-{3-[5-Acetyl-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-1-yl]-2-azido-propyl}-piperazin-1-yl)-benzonitrile;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(6-nitro-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-[1-{2-Hydroxy-3-[4-(6-methoxy-benzothiazol-2-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridin-5-yl]-ethanone;

1-{3-[4-(1,1-Dioxo-1H-1 λ ⁶-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]-propyl}-5-methanesulfonyl-3-(4-trifluoromethyl-phenyl)-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-1H-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine; and

1-[3-(4-Benzo[d]isothiazol-3-yl-piperazin-1-yl)-propyl]-3-(4-bromo-phenyl)-1,4,6,7-tetrahydro-pyrazolo[4,3-c]pyridine-5-carboxylic acid amide.

42. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, or 36 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

43. (original) A method for treating a subject with a condition mediated by cathepsin S, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.

44. (original) A method for inhibiting cathepsin S activity in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.

45. (original) A method for treating an autoimmune disease, or inhibiting the progression of an autoimmune disease, in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31, or 36.

46. (cancelled)

47. (cancelled)

48. (original) A method for treating or inhibiting the progression of tissue transplant rejection in a subject, said method comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 1, 30, 31 or 36.

49. (original) A method of claim 48, wherein said administration occurs after said subject has undergone a tissue transplant procedure.

50. (original) A method of claim 48, wherein said administration to said subject occurs before or during a tissue transplant procedure.